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Security Committee

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NOTE FOR:

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Chairman, SECOM Compartmentation Subcommittee

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FROM:

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Acting Chairman

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SUBJECT: Guidance Information

1. I thought it might be helpful to share some of my perceptions of policy guidance applicable to DCI Committees in advance of your first meeting with the Compartmentation Subcommittee scheduled for 16 September 1981.

2. The DCI delegated to Admiral Inman, DDCI, responsibility for Intelligence Community matters to include the DCI Committee structure. Admiral Inman has made it clear that he expects the DCI Committees to operate in a collegial manner so as to facilitate consensus on broadly perceived issues. He does not favor uniformity for its own sake, and, where there is division on a proposed solution, he will not support efforts to mandate a "fix". He does favor a "try again" approach pursued with understanding of the other's point of view in cases where moves toward uniformity appear reasonably achievable and likely to simplify understanding and administration. I covered some of these points in my 19 August meeting with subcommittee chairmen, including [redacted]

[redacted] Please feel free to call me at any time if you want to discuss policy or procedural matters bearing on your subcommittee.

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